

DIRECTION 118

CORRECTIONS TO THREE ENTRIES IN THE OFFICIAL LIST OF
FAMILY-GROUP NAMES IN ZOOLOGY: ARGYNNIDAE,
APATURIDAE, LIMENITIDINAE (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA)

RULING. — (1) The following corrections are hereby made to the entries in the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology under the Name Numbers stated:

- (a) Name Number 228. ARGYNNIDAE. For 'Duponchel, 1844, *Cat. méth. Lépid. Europ.*: 2' read 'Duponchel, [1835] (in Godart, J.B.) *Hist. nat. Lép. pap. France*, Suppl., vol. 1, livr. 23, pp. 394, 395';
- (b) Name Number 229. APATURIDAE. For 'Boisduval, 1840, *Gen. Index meth. europ. Lepid.*: 24' read '*Genera et Index methodicus europaeorum Lepidopterorum*, p. 24';
- (c) Name Number 231. LIMENITIDINAE. For 'Butler, 1869, *Cat. diurn. Lep. Fabricius*: 57' read 'Butler, [12 February 1870], *Cat. diurn. Lep. Fabricius*, p. 57'.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2187

A request for the correction of a number of entries in the official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology was first received from Lt-Col. C. F. Cowan (*Grange-over-Sands, England*) on 24 June 1976. His request was divided into a number of instalments; that containing the three names here dealt with was sent to the printer on 24 February 1981 and published on 30 July 1981 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, p. 228. No use of the plenary powers was involved.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 September 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)53 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* Vol. 38, p. 228. At the close of the voting period on 13 December 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty (20) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Brinck, Hahn, Mroczkowski, Schuster, Willink, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Alvarado, Ride, Kraus, Corliss, Bayer, Heppell, Dupuis, Binder

Negative Votes — none (0).

Lehtinen returned a late affirmative vote. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Halvorsen and Savage.

Heppell commented: 'The proposed corrections are matters of fact, not opinion. Why would the Commission wish to perpetuate inadvertent

errors? I suggest that the Secretary seek permission to publish such corrections without requiring a Commission vote, subject only to a prior check on the accuracy of the information. Or perhaps a notification of a proposed change could be published, if there is any uncertainty about the information supplied, and the correction made, if no contrary evidence is received before an agreed time has elapsed. Such an arrangement could prove particularly useful for correcting date and authorship of family-group names, which are often incorrectly cited in the zoological literature.'

REPLY TO MR HEPPELL

Mr Heppell's concern for the swift and smooth dispatch of business is appreciated. However, the Official Lists and Indexes are the property and responsibility of the Commission. No name should be added or removed, or any entry altered, without the Commission's consent; and that consent should be seen to have been attained openly after the proposed alteration has been published.

To seek permission from the Commission to make an alteration is surely equivalent to calling for a vote.

The idea of a "notification-and-challenge" procedure was introduced at the Copenhagen (1953) Congress in relation to a number of points in the old Rules. It is in fact of little practical use due to the lack of challengers and was not retained in the 1961 Code. It would provide an uncertain way to accuracy and completeness of List and Index entries.

The present procedure is indeed cumbersome and uses resources of time, effort and *Bulletin* space that might be put to better use. The Commission might like to consider delegating authority to make alterations of fact to the Lists and Indexes to a standing committee or to the Council; such changes to be simply announced in the *Bulletin*. The introduction of such a policy would, I believe, require no more than a change in the By-Laws. [R.V.M.]

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)53 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Direction No. 118.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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